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June 3, 2005

David Hoose Katz, Sasson, Hoose & Turnbull 1145 Main Street Springfield, MA 01103

Re: Marion White

Dear Attorney Hoose:

This letter sets forth the Agreement between the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts ("the U.S. Attorney") and your client, Marion White, ("Defendant"), in the above-captioned case. The Agreement is as follows:

1. Change of Plea

At the earliest practicable date but in no event later than June 15, 2005, Defendant shall waive indictment and plead guilty to a one-count information charging fraud in connection with identification documents in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(a)(7). Defendant expressly and unequivocally admits that she knowingly, intentionally and willfully committed the crimes charged in the information and is in fact guilty of the offenses.

2. <u>Penalties</u>

Defendant faces the following maximum penalties: a fine and/or 15 years imprisonment.

3. <u>Sentencing Guidelines</u>

The sentence to be imposed upon Defendant is within the discretion of the sentencing Court, subject to the statutory maximum penalties set forth above, and the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act and the United States Sentencing Guidelines

promulgated thereunder, as modified by <u>United States v. Booker</u> and <u>United States v. Fanfan</u>, 125 S.Ct. 738, 2005 WL 50108 (January 12, 2005). In imposing the sentence, the Court must consult and take into account the United States Sentencing Guidelines, along with the other factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

The parties agree to take the following positions at sentencing with respect to the application of the United States Sentencing Guidelines (effective November 1, 2002):

- (a) U.S.S.G. Section 2B1.1(a) is the applicable sentencing guideline and provides for a base offense level ("BOL") of 6;
- (b) the loss involved exceeded \$10,000, requiring an increase in the BOL of 4 levels.
- The U.S. Attorney and Defendant agree that there is no basis for a departure from the sentencing range established by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Accordingly, neither the U.S. Attorney nor Defendant will seek a departure on any ground from the Sentencing Guidelines.
- The U.S. Attorney expressly reserves the right to seek an upward departure pursuant to U.S.S.G. \$4A1.3 should any of Defendant's prior state convictions be vacated or Defendant's Criminal History Category otherwise change after the filing of the Information in this case. Thus, for example, the government may contend that an upward departure under \$4A1.3 is appropriate if a state-court conviction that existed at the time of Defendant's charging is vacated and that vacation alters Defendant's Criminal History Category.

Based on Defendant's prompt acceptance of personal responsibility for the offense(s) of conviction in this case, and information known to the U.S. Attorney at this time, the U.S. Attorney agrees to recommend that the Court reduce by two levels Defendant's Adjusted Offense Level under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1.

The U.S. Attorney specifically reserves the right not to recommend a reduction under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1 if, at any time between his execution of this Agreement and sentencing Defendant:

- (a) Fails to admit a complete factual basis for the plea;
- (b) Fails to truthfully admit her conduct in the

offenses of conviction:

- (c) Falsely denies, or frivolously contests, relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (d) Fails to provide truthful information about her financial status;
- (e) Gives false or misleading testimony in any proceeding relating to the criminal conduct charged in this case and any relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (f) Engages in acts which form a basis for finding that Defendant has obstructed or impeded the administration of justice under U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1;
- (g) Intentionally fails to appear in Court or violates any condition of release;
- (h) Commits a crime;
- (i) Transfers any asset protected under any provision of this Agreement; and/or
- (j) Attempts to withdraw her guilty plea.

Defendant expressly understands that she may not withdraw her plea of guilty if, for any of the reasons listed above, the U.S. Attorney does not recommend that she receive a reduction in Offense Level for acceptance of responsibility.

Defendant expressly understands that, in addition to declining to recommend an acceptance-of-responsibility adjustment, the Government may seek an upward adjustment pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1 if Defendant obstructs justice after date of this Agreement.

4. <u>Sentence Recommendation</u>

The U.S. Attorney and the Defendant agree to jointly recommend the following sentence before the District Court:

- (a) Probation;
- (b) Fine, unless the court finds that Defendant is not

able and, even with the use of a reasonable installment schedule, is not likely to become able to pay a fine;

- (c) Restitution;
- (d) Mandatory special assessment.

Defendant agrees that she will provide to the U.S. Attorney expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation of any kind on which she intends to rely at sentencing not later than twenty-one days before sentencing. Any basis for sentencing with respect to which all expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation have not been provided to the U.S. Attorney at least twenty-one days before sentencing shall be deemed waived.

In the event of an appeal from, or collateral challenge to, Defendant's sentence, the U.S. Attorney reserves his right to argue the correctness of Defendant's sentence and the manner in which the District Court determines it.

5. Payment of Mandatory Special Assessment

Defendant agrees to pay the mandatory special assessment to the Clerk of the Court on or before the date of sentencing, unless Defendant establishes to the satisfaction of the Court that Defendant is financially unable to do so.

6. <u>Protection of Assets for Payment of Restitution,</u> <u>Forfeiture and Fine</u>

Defendant agrees not to transfer, or authorize the transfer of, any asset which has been restrained by Order of the Court in this case or any asset, whether or not restrained, which Defendant has agreed to forfeit pursuant to this Agreement.

Defendant agrees not to transfer, or authorize the transfer of any other asset in which she has an interest without prior express written consent of the U.S. Attorney, except for:

- Assets subject to superior, secured interests of innocent third parties, in which Defendant has an equity interest of less than \$1,000.00;
- (2) Ordinary living expenses necessary to house, clothe, transport and feed Defendant and those to whom she owes a legal duty of support, so long as

such assets do not exceed \$3,000.00 per month; and

(3) Attorney's fees incurred in connection with this criminal case.

This prohibition shall be effective as of the date of Defendant's execution of this Agreement and continue until the fine, forfeiture and/or restitution ordered by the Court at sentencing and any tax liability incurred as a result of the conduct charged in the Information are satisfied in full.

Defendant further agrees that, prior to sentencing, she will truthfully and accurately complete the sworn financial statement enclosed with this Agreement.

7. <u>Waiver of Rights to Appeal and to Bring Collateral</u> <u>Challenge</u>

Defendant is aware that she has the right to challenge her sentence and guilty plea on direct appeal. Defendant is also aware that she may, in some circumstances, be able to argue that her plea should be set aside, or her sentence set aside or reduced, in a collateral challenge (such as pursuant to a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255).

In consideration of the concessions made by the U.S. Attorney in this Agreement, Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives her right to appeal or collaterally challenge:

- (1) Defendant's guilty plea and any other aspect of Defendant's conviction, including, but not limited to, any rulings on pretrial suppression motions or any other pretrial dispositions of motions and issues; and
- (2) The imposition by the District Court of a sentence which does not exceed that being recommended by the U.S. Attorney pursuant to this agreement.

Defendant's waiver of rights to appeal and to bring collateral challenges shall not apply to appeals or challenges based on new legal principles in First Circuit or Supreme Court cases decided after the date of this Agreement which are held by the First Circuit or Supreme Court to have retroactive effect.

This Agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b), and the

U.S. Attorney therefore retains her appeal rights.

8. Court Not Bound By Agreement

The sentencing recommendations made by the parties and their respective calculations under the Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the U.S. Probation Office or the sentencing judge. Within the maximum sentence which Defendant faces under the applicable law, the sentence to be imposed is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge. Defendant's plea will be tendered pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(B). Defendant may not withdraw her plea of guilty regardless of what sentence is imposed. Nor may Defendant withdraw her plea because the U.S. Probation Office or the sentencing judge declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the parties. In the event that the sentencing judge declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the U.S. Attorney, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to defend the sentencing judge's calculations and sentence in any subsequent appeal or collateral challenge.

9. <u>Civil Liability</u>

By entering into this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney does not compromise any civil liability, including but not limited to any tax liability, which Defendant may have incurred or may incur as a result of her conduct and her plea of guilty to the charges specified in paragraph one of this Agreement.

10. Rejection of Plea By Court

Should Defendant's guilty plea not be accepted by the Court for whatever reason, or later be withdrawn on motion of Defendant, this Agreement shall be null and void at the option of the U.S. Attorney.

11. Breach of Agreement

If the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has failed to comply with any provision of this Agreement, has violated any condition of her pretrial release, or has committed any crime following her execution of this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney may, at his sole option, be released from his commitments under this Agreement in their entirety by notifying Defendant, through counsel or otherwise, in writing. The U.S. Attorney may also pursue all remedies available to him under the law, irrespective of whether he elects to be released from his commitments under this Agreement. Further, the U.S. Attorney may pursue any and

all charges which have been, or are to be, dismissed pursuant to this Agreement. Defendant recognizes that no such breach by her of an obligation under this Agreement shall give rise to grounds for withdrawal of her guilty plea. Defendant understands that, should she breach any provision of this agreement, the U.S. Attorney will have the right to use against Defendant before any grand jury, at any trial or hearing, or for sentencing purposes, any statements which may be made by her, and any information, materials, documents or objects which may be provided by her to the government subsequent to this Agreement, without any limitation. In this regard, Defendant hereby waives any defense to any charges which she might otherwise have under any statute of limitations or the Speedy Trial Act.

12. Who Is Bound By Agreement

This Agreement is limited to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and cannot and does not bind the Attorney General of the United States or any other federal, state or local prosecutive authorities.

13. Complete Agreement

This letter contains the complete and only agreement between the parties. No promises, representations or agreements have been made other than those set forth in this letter. This Agreement supersedes prior understandings, if any, of the parties, whether written or oral. This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by the parties or on the record in court.

If this letter accurately reflects the Agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Agreement below. Please also sign below as

Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen L. Goodwin.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN United States Attorney

By: Niane C. Francisco Diane C. Freniere, Chief White Collar Crime Section

Kevin O'Regan Chief, Springfield Office White Collar Crime

Karen L. Goodwin Assistant U.S. Attorney

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter in its entirety and discussed it with my attorney. I hereby acknowledge that it fully sets forth my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. I further state that no additional promises or representations have been made to me by any official of the United States in connection with this matter. I understand the crimes to which I have agreed to plead guilty, the maximum penalties for those offenses and Sentencing Guideline penalties potentially applicable to them. I am satisfied with the legal representation provided to me by my attorney. We have had sufficient time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charges against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Plea Agreement and whether I should go to trial. I am entering into this Agreement freely, voluntarily, and knowingly because I am guilty of the offenses to which I am pleading guilty and I believe this Agreement is in my best interest.

Marion White

Marion White Defendant

Date: June 22, 2005

I certify that Marion White has read this Agreement and that we have discussed its meaning. I believe she understands the Agreement and is entering into the Agreement freely, voluntarily and knowingly.

David Hoose

Attorney for Defendant

22, 2005

Date: